GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – E.F.S. & T. Department - Formation of road in Lingamparthy Reserve Forest in Compt. No.587 from Konda Timmapuram to China Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal – Illegal transportation of Laterite –Violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 & A.P. Forest Act, 1967 – Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Disciplinary action under Rule-20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 against Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021) – Articles of Charges – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 24 **Dated: 27-03-2025**

1)From the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR-1/2016), dated 21.12.2018.
2)Govt. Memo.No.119/Sec.IV/A1/2019, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Department, dated 29.12.2023.
3)G.O.Ms.No.17, E.F.S.& T. (Sec.IV) Department, dated 27.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu in the G.O. 3rd read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu, is informed that he is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para-3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

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6. Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu is informed that under Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Ch.Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer
(Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), PRI Sub-Division, Prathipadu through
the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Vijayawada.
(He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record).

Copy to:

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Vig.I) Department.
The Director General, G.A.(V&E) Department, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission.
SF/SC (Computer No.1455666).

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON 30.11.2021), PRI SUB-DIVISION, PRATHIPADU.

Article of Charge: **"**That Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu, (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021) has executed the road work "formation of road in Lingamparthy Reserve Forest in Compt.No.587 from Konda Thimmapuram to China Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal" for 549 mts. deviating the original alignment of existing Right of way, violating the rules and check measured the measurements and recommended for payment and also failed to inform the deviations in measurements of road width and length and execution of balance length of the road upto Vanthada by unofficial personal during the time of their execution i.e., prior to 18.01.2015.

By his above mentioned act, Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021) has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON 30.11.2021), PRI SUB-DIVISION, PRATHIPADU.

Basis:

In the Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR.1/2016), dated 21.12.2018, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials based on the petition received from Sri Lingaraj Banakar, Pragathi Samaj, Dalakasoti Village enquired into the allegation of irregularities in formation of road under Recognition of Forest Rights (RoFR) Act from Konda Thimmapuram to Chinavanthada to Vanthada in Yeleswaram Mandal in Compartment No.589 of Lingamparthy Reserve Forest. The Vigilance & Enforcement Department has reported that Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021), has committed the following irregularities and recommended for suitable action as deemed fit against him:

i. executed the road work in the RF for 549mts deviating the original alignment of existing Right of way, violating the rules and check measured the measurements and recommended for payment.

ii. failed to inform the deviations in measurements of road width and length and execution of balance length of the road upto Vanthada by unofficial personal during the time of their execution i.e. prior to 18.1.2015.

Thus, Sri Ch. Venkateswara Rao, while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-division, Prathipadu (Voluntarily retired on 30.11.2021) has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON 30.11.2021), PRI SUB-DIVISION, PRATHIPADU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Government Memo.No.PROVIG(VAE)/Vig.1/9/2019, dated 20.05.2024 of Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Vig.1) Department along with Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No.1678/V&E/NR.1/2016), dated 21.12.2018 of the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. VENKATESWARA RAO, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (VOLUNTARILY RETIRED ON 30.11.2021), PRI SUB-DIVISION, PRATHIPADU ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

-NIL-

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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